

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL APPOINT ONE OR MORE ATTORNEYS, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE BAR OF MARYLAND AND ARE EXPERIENCED IN ZONING LAW AND PROCEDURE, TO SERVE AS PEOPLE'S ZONING COUNSEL. THEIR COMPENSATION SHALL BE CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET, AND THEY SHALL BE PROVIDED SUCH CLERICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE ANNUAL BUDGET. THEY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 709, 1001 AND 1002 OF THIS CHARTER. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE PEOPLE'S ZONING COUNSEL TO APPEAR AT ALL HEARINGS ON ZONING CASES, WHETHER BEFORE THE COUNCIL OR A HEARING EXAMINER, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROTECTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND INSURING THE COMPILATION OF A FULL AND COMPLETE RECORD. THE PEOPLE'S ZONING COUNSEL MAY SUMMON, EXAMINE AND CROSS-EXAMINE WITNESSES, INTRODUCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE INTO THE RECORD, FILE EXCEPTIONS, AND MAKE SUCH ARGUMENT TO THE HEARING EXAMINER OR THE COUNCIL AS THE LAW AND THE EVIDENCE IN THE CASE MAY WARRANT.

SECTION 713. JUDICIAL REVIEW. IN ADDITION TO ANY PERSON OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF A FINAL DECISION OF THE COUNCIL IN A ZONING CASE, ANY PERSON OF RECORD SHALL BE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF SAID DECISION WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF PLEADING OR PROVING ANY SPECIAL LOSS, INJURY, OR GRIEVANCE. ANY PERSON OR CLASS OF PERSONS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF A ZONING CASE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAY APPEAL A FINAL DECISION OF SAID COURT IN SUCH CASE TO THE COURT OF APPEALS BY FILING A TIMELY APPEAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE.

SECTION 714. DISTRICT COUNCIL. DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT, SAID DISTRICT COUNCIL SHALL BE THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND MODIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS CHARTER.

SECTION 715. FURTHERING LEGISLATION. THE COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT AND PUBLISH RULES OF PROCEDURE PERTAINING TO ZONING CASES NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

ARTICLE VIII